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Bennett says wait-and-see on H₂O stricture

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BENNETT — As ongoing drought conditions have led to numerous Front Range and other Colorado municipalities/jurisdictions implement-

ing outdoor watering restrictions, Bennett trustees voted earlier this month to give that duty to the town administrator if the time arises. During their June 9 meeting, trustees unanimously approved a resolution giving discretion to Town Ad-

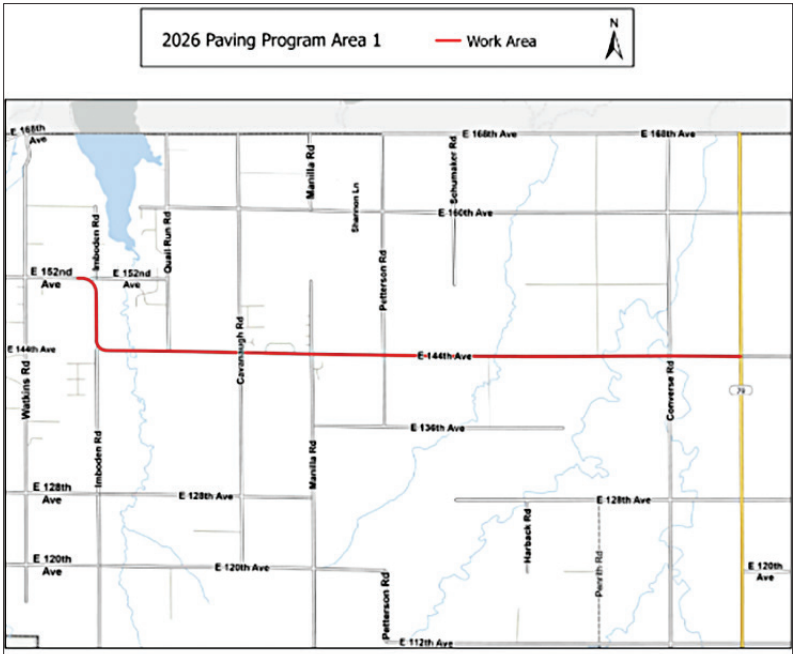
ministrator Trish Stiles to determine if and when to restrict outdoor watering throughout town after consulting with utility and engineering departments. According to Capital Projects and Utilities Director Daniel Pershing, the

town's water system remains strong enough that immediate watering restrictions aren't required and that allowing Stiles and other town officials make the call when conditions dictate
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1st East AdCo road project starts this week

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The first of three summer asphalt road improvement projects in eastern unincorporated Adams County is slated to start this week about 14 miles north of Bennett with the other two in and around Strasburg expected to commence middle of next month. According to a last-minute June 18 announcement from Adams County Communications, improvements in Area 1 — a nine-mile stretch of 144th Avenue (Bromley Lane) between the 152nd Avenue curve and Highway 79 — start June 22 and will run through mid-July. Among the work to be done by construction contractor Brannan Sand & Gravel is asphalt milling and overlay, patching, striping, shouldering operations and intermittent speed-table installations. As that work concludes, similar activity is slated to run from mid-July to mid-August



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A nine-mile stretch of 144th Avenue north of Bennett will receive asphalt improvements starting this week. in two other local areas. Area 2 is immediately west of Strasburg along Piggott Road between Highway 36 (Colfax Avenue) and north to East 29th Avenue and the adjacent Wolf Creek Run neighborhoods. Area 3 covers Strasburg Road from Highway 36 and goes north about three miles up to East 48th Avenue. "Work in Areas 2 and 3 will place concurrently," the coun-
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Above, a fast-moving Autumn Juarez, 4, tries her best to prepare herself for a splash landing on the inflatable water slide during the Strasburg Park & Recreation District's annual Foam Day at Community Park West June 13. **SEE PAGE 14.**

ArapCo Commissioners tout '25 achievements, upcoming plans



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Arapahoe County Commissioners Carrie Warren-Gully, left, Jessica Campbell, Jeff Baker, Leslie Summey, and Rhonda Fields speak to almost 300 county and regional dignitaries during their State of the County address June 16 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

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AURORA — While Arapahoe County Commissioners spent most of their State of the County address last week espousing about their handling of last year's \$571 million budget, two projects from Watkins Road and further east were mentioned. During their June 16 event at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, commissioners called the installation of a floodwater notification system on Watkins Road near Sixth Avenue and the purchase completion and preliminary planning of the 3,100-acre Bijou Basin Open Space about five miles south of Byers key accomplishments in 2025. The flood warning notification system immediately south of Watkins was completed in April 2025 in partnership with the Mile High Flood District after a female Watkins resident was killed in June 2023 after her car was swept away by heavy floodwaters in the area. The water-monitoring system was successfully triggered over Memorial Day weekend last year after three days of heavy rain. When activated, the solar/battery powered system triggers a beacon that warns commuters at
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